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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA		
TITLE KIRTLAND AFB, NM, 8 Aug - 3 Sep 80, Alleged Sightings of Unidentified Aerial Lights in Restricted Test Range.	DATE 2 - 9 Sept 80	TIME 1200
	PLACE AFOSI Det 1700, Kirtland AFB, NM	
HOW RECEIVED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON <input type="checkbox"/> TELEPHONICALLY <input type="checkbox"/> IN WRITING		
SOURCE AND EVALUATION MAJOR (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)		
RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS ADDRESS Commander, 1608 SPS, Manzano Kirtland AFB, NM		PHONE 4-7516
CR. [REDACTED] 02 APPLIES		
II SUMMARY OF INFORMATION		
REMARKS		
<p>1. On 2 Sept 80, SOURCE related on 8 Aug 80, three Security Policemen assigned to 1608 SPS, KAFB, NM, on duty inside the Manzano Weapons Storage Area sighted an unidentified light in the air that traveled from North to South over the Coyote Canyon area of the Department of Defense Restricted Test Range on KAFB, NM. The Security Policemen identified as: SSGT (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Area Supervisor, AIC (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and ANN (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), were later interviewed separately by SOURCE and all three related the same statement: At approximately 2350hrs., while on duty in Charlie Sector, East Side of Manzano, the three observed a very bright light in the sky approximately 3 miles North-North East of their position. The light traveled with great speed and stopped suddenly in the sky over coyote canyon. The three first thought the object was a helicopter, however, after observing the strange aerial maneuvers (stop and go), they felt a helicopter couldn't have performed such skills. The light landed in the Coyote Canyon area. Sometime later, three witnessed the light take off and leave proceeding straight up at a high speed and disappear.</p> <p>2. Central Security Control (CSC) inside Manzano, contacted Sandia Security, who conducts frequent building checks on two alarmed structures in the area. They advised that a patrol was already in the area and would investigate.</p> <p>3. On 11 Aug 80, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), Sandia Security, advised that on 9 Aug 80, a Sandia Security Guard, (who wishes his name not be divulged for fear of harassment), related the following: At approximately 0020hrs., he was driving East on the Coyote Canyon access road on a routine building check of an alarmed structure. As he approached the structure he observed a bright light near the ground behind the structure. He also observed an object he first thought was a helicopter. But after driving closer, he observed a round disk shaped object. He attempted to radio for a back up patrol but his radio would not work. As he approached the object on foot armed with a shotgun, the object took off in a vertical direction at a high rate of speed. The guard was a former helicopter mechanic in the U.S. Army and stated the object he observed was not a helicopter.</p> <p>4. SOURCE advised on 11 Aug 80, three other security policemen observed the same</p>		
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DATE 8 Sept 80	TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), SA	SIGNATURE (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
DISTRICT FILE NO. 8019893-0/22	CH RESULTS NEGATIVE POSITIVE (See Attached)	

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III DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS						
COORDINATED WITH						
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RECOMMEND	CASE	93	ZERO	TECHNICAL COVERAGE POSSIBLE		Yes
OTHER COMMENTS						
Base commander was briefed but did not request an AFOSI investigation at this time. At present coordination with Sandia Security, Department of Energy Security and Security Police are being conducted. The FBI will not become involved in the matter. If future sightings occur, suggest tech coverage of the area to determine whether a threat exists against the CR 44 material.						
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9 Sep 80	Major, USAF Commander, BID					
IV DIVISION CHIEF'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION						
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DECLINE REQUEST (Give Reason Below)			OTHER (Specify Below)			
OTHER COMMENTS						
There could be various explanations regarding the origin of the observed phenomena. Our interest centers around any potential threat to the Coyote Canyon area. Tech observation will be considered if future incidents occur in that area.						
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aerial phenomena described by the first three. Again the object landed in Coyote Canyon. They did not see the object take off.

5. Coyote Canyon is part of a large restricted test range used by the Air Force Weapons Laboratory, Sandia Laboratories, Defense Nuclear Agency and the Department of Energy. The range was formerly patrolled by Sandia Security, however, they only conduct building checks there now.

6. On 10 Aug 80, a New Mexico State Patrolman sighted an aerial object land in the Manzano's between Belen and Albuquerque, NM. The Patrolman reported the sighting to the Kirtland AFB Command Post, who later referred the patrolman to the AFOSI Dist 17. AFOSI Dist 17 advised the patrolman to make a report through his own agency. On 11 Aug 80, the Kirtland Public Information office advised the patrolman the USAF no longer investigates such sightings unless they occur on an USAF base.

7. WRITER contacted all the agencies who utilized the test range and it was learned no aerial tests are conducted in the Coyote Canyon area. Only ground tests are conducted.

8. On 8 Sept 80, WRITER learned from Sandia Security that another Security Guard observed an object land near an alarmed structure sometime during the first week of August, but did not report it until just recently for fear of harassment.

9. The two alarmed structures located within the area contains HQ CR 44 material.

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HEADQUARTERS	IVOS		
DC NO.	DET NO.		
HEADQUARTERS			
REFERENCE			
AFOSI Form 96, 28 Oct 80, Same Title			
MINOR DISCREPANCIES NOTED ARE LISTED BELOW.			
YOUR DISTRICT IS DESIGNATED OFFICE OF ORIGIN.			
ATTACHED REQUIRES INVESTIGATION IN YOUR AREA.			
DETERMINE SUBJECT'S ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION AS REQUIRED BY OSIM 124-1, PARA 2-6-3.			
FORWARD RESULTS DIRECTLY TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN, OR TO			
NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION CONTEMPLATED.			
OUR FILES REFLECT PRIOR INVESTIGATION BY [REDACTED]			
REPORT OF PRIOR INVESTIGATION/SUMMARY ATTACHED.			
INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AND YOU WILL BE FURNISHED FURTHER REPORTS.			
DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION. FORWARD RESULTS OF ANY INVESTIGATION ACCOMPLISHED.			
DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN LEAD REQUEST AND DEVELOPED INFORMATION ARE SET FORTH.			
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REMARKS			
1. On 10 Nov 80, a meeting took place in 1606 ABW/CC Conference Room attended by the following individuals: BGen WILLIAM BROOKSHER, AFOSI/CC, COL [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), 1606 ABW/CC, COL [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) 1606 ABW/CV, COL [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), 1606 SPGp/CC, COL [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), AFOSI Dist 17/CC, LTC [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), 1606 ABN/SJ, MAJ [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), AFOSI Det 1700/CC, Dr. [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Director, AFNL, [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) AFNL Instrumentations Specialist and Dr. PAUL F. BENNEWITZ, President Thunder Scientific Laboratory, Albuquerque. Dr. BENNEWITZ presented film and photographs of alleged unidentified Aerial Objects photographed over KAFB, NM during the last 15 months. Dr. BENNEWITZ also related he had documented proof that he was in contact with the aliens flying the objects. At the conclusion of the presentation, Dr. BENNEWITZ expressed an interest in obtaining financial assistance from the USAF in furthering his investigation regarding these objects. DR [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) advised DR. BENNEWITZ to request a USAF grant for research. DR [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) advised DR. BENNEWITZ he would assist him in filling out the proper documents.			
2. On 17 Nov 80, SA [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), advised DR. BENNEWITZ that AFOSI would not become involved in the investigation of these objects. DR. BENNEWITZ was advised			
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that AFOSI was not in a position to evaluate the information and photographs he has collected, to date or technically investigate such matters.

- (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) 3. On 26 Nov 80, SA [redacted] received a phone call from an individual who identified himself as U.S. Senator HARRISON SCHMIDT, of New Mexico. SEN SCHMIDT inquired about AFOSI'S role in investigating the aerial phenomena reported by Dr. BENNEWITZ.
- (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) SA [redacted] advised SEN SCHMIDT that AFOSI was not investigating the phenomena.
- SA [redacted] then politely referred SEN SCHMIDT to AFOSI Dist 17/CC. SEN SCHMIDT declined (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) to speak with 17/CC and informed SA [redacted] he would request that SAF look into the matter and determine what USAF agency should investigate the phenomena.

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4. It should be noted that DR. BENNEWITZ has/had a number of conversations with SEN SCHMIDT during the last few months regarding BENNEWITZ'S private research. SEN SCHMIDT has made telephone calls to BGEN BROOKSHER, AFOSP/CC regarding the matter since Security Police are responsible for the security of Manzano Storage Area.

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IN REPLY TO	AFOSI COMMUNICATION	DATE OF TRANSMITTAL 30 July 1981
TO: AFOSI/CC (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) 1206B&I	SUBJECT Dr. PAUL FREDRICK BENNEWITZ Congressional Inquiry (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)	CV-Info
FROM: AFOSI District 17/CC Kirtland AFB, NM 87117		
REFERENCE 8017D93-0/29		
ITEMS CHECKED ARE APPLICABLE TO ABOVE SUBJECT		
INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN INITIATED AND REPORTS WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.		
THIS MATTER IS <input type="checkbox"/> PENDING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLOSED.		
REQUEST REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN (AFR 124-4).		
NOTE RESTRICTIVE LEGENDS ON FRONT OF THE ATTACHMENT(S).		
REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS AS TO DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE LISTED BELOW.		
ATTACHED IS AN INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT (IIR) TRANSMITTED ELECTRICALLY IN THE INTERESTS OF TIMELINESS. NUMERICAL DESIGNATORS IN THE IIR ARE AS FOLLOWS: 1. COUNTRY; 2. REPORT NUMBER; 3. TITLE; 4. PROJECT NUMBER; 5. DATE OF INFORMATION; 6. DATE OF REPORT; 7. DATE AND PLACE OF ACQUISITION; 8. REFERENCES; 9. ASSESSMENT; 10. ORIGINATOR; 11. REQUEST EVALUATION; 12. PREPARING OFFICER; 13. APPROVING AUTHORITY; 14. SOURCE.		
ATTACHED IS AN INFORMATION COLLECTION REPORT (ICR) WHICH CONTAINS INFORMATION CONCERNING AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER YOUR COMMAND. THE ICR IS FURNISHED FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY AND IT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A FORMAL OR COMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL. IF A FORMAL INVESTIGATION IS WARRANTED, IT SHOULD BE REQUESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 124-4.		
THE ATTACHED REPORT HAS BEEN LOANED TO THE USAF BY ANOTHER AGENCY. DISSEMINATION OF THAT REPORT TO ANOTHER AGENCY OR ITS PERMANENT INCORPORATION INTO ANY USAF RECORDS SYSTEM WILL NOT BE MADE WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE ORIGINATING AGENCY. WHEN THIS REPORT HAS SERVED ITS PURPOSE, IT WILL BE DESTROYED; NO RECORD OF THE REPORT IS BEING MAINTAINED BY AFOSI.		
WHEN ATTACHMENT(S) IS/ARE REMOVED, THE CLASSIFICATION OF THIS CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE <input type="checkbox"/> RETAINED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DOWNGRADED TO <input type="checkbox"/> CANCELED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKED "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY"		
OTHER/REMARKS On 30 Jul 81, the 1606th ABW IG contacted DO 17/BID and advised that Senator PETER DOMENICI desired to talk to SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) regarding the matter involving BENNEWITZ. After checking with Col (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), Acting AFOSI/CC, it was agreed SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and DO 17/CC would meet with Senator DOMENICI. Senator DOMENICI was present in the IG's Office but departed immediately to meet with BENNEWITZ. A subsequent check with Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), Senator DOMENICI's Aide, in an effort to determine the Senator's specific questions, determined his sole interest was to know whether AFOSI had conducted a formal investigation of SUBJECT. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was informed that no formal investigation of BENNEWITZ was conducted by AFOSI. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that he assumed if any information were available, and was to be requested from AFOSI, it would have to be requested from our Headquarters. He was provided Col (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) name and the Bolling AFB address of our HQ AFOSI in event he desired any further information. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) thanked us and indicated no further inquiries from the Senator regarding this matter are anticipated.		
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NAME, GRADE, TITLE, SIGNATURE (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Colonel, USAF Commander	ATTACHMENTS	COPIES TO HQ AFOSI/IVOS File (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
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HEADQUARTERS		TRANSMITTAL DATE 28 Oct 80
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REFERENCE

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REPORT OF PRIOR INVESTIGATION/SUMMARY ATTACHED.		
INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AND YOU WILL BE FURNISHED FURTHER REPORTS.		
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REMARKS

On 24 Oct 80, Dr PAUL FREDRICK BENNEWITZ, Male Born 30 Sep 27, KS, Civ, SSAN: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) 1413 Wagon Train Drive, Albuquerque, NM, contacted SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) through Major
 (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Commander, 1608 SPS, Kirtland AFB, NM and related he had knowledge and
 evidence of threats against Manzano Weapons Storage area. The threat was from Aerial
 phenomena over Manzano.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) On 26 Oct 80, SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), with the assistance of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), GS-15, Chief, Scientific Advisor for Air Force Test and Evaluation Center, KAFB, interviewed Dr. BENNEWITZ at his home in the Four Hills Section of Albuquerque, which is adjacent to the northern boundary of Manzano Base. (NOTE: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) is a former Project Blue Book USAF Investigator who was assigned to Wright-Patterson AFB (W-PAFB), OH, with FTD. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) in one of the most knowledgeable and impartial investigators of Aerial Objects in the southwest). Dr. BENNEWITZ produced photographs and over 2600 feet of 8mm motion picture film depicting unidentified aerial objects flying over and around Manzano Weapons Storage Area and Coyote Canyon Test Area. Dr. BENNEWITZ has been conducting independent research into Aerial Phenomena for the last 15 months. Dr. BENNEWITZ also produced several electronic recording tapes,

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allegedly showing high periods of electrical magnetism being emitted from Manzano/Coyote Canyon area. Dr. BENNEWITZ also produced several photographs of flying objects taken over the general Albuquerque area. He has several pieces of electronic surveillance equipment pointed at Manzano and is attempting to record high frequency electrical beam pulses. Dr. BENNEWITZ claims these Aerial Objects produce these pulses.

3. After analyzing the data collected by Dr. BENNEWITZ, Mr [b6][b7C] related the evidence clearly shows that some type of unidentified aerial objects were caught on film; however, no conclusions could be made whether these objects pose a threat to Manzano/Coyote Canyon areas. Mr [b6][b7] felt the electronical recording tapes were inconclusive and could have been gathered from several conventional sources. No sightings, other than these, have been reported in the area.
4. Mr [b6][b7C] has contacted FTD personnel at W-P AFB, OH, who expressed an interest and are scheduled to inspect Dr. BENNEWITZ' data.
5. Request a DCII check be made on Dr BENNEWITZ.
6. This is responsive to HQ CR 44.
7. Command was briefed but did not request an investigation at this time.